



City of Newport Beach, CA  
**City Manager's Newsletter**

**TO:** Mayor Gardner & Council Members  
**FROM:** Dave Kiff, City Manager  
**DATE:** May 18, 2012

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Please enjoy the attached newsletters...



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

To: Dave Kiff, City Manager  
From: Kimberly Brandt, Community Development Director  
Subject: City Manager's Newsletter  
Date: May 18, 2012

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, likely belonging to Kimberly Brandt, the Community Development Director.

### ***2012 City Population Estimates***

This week, the California State Department of Finance (DOF) released the 2012 population estimates for cities and counties. As of January 1, 2012, the estimated population for the City of Newport Beach is 85,990, a 0.94 percent increase from the 2010 Census. This data is used in determining the annual appropriations limit for all California jurisdictions to distribute tax disbursements and other State subventions to cities and counties. Each January, the City reports the housing activity (residential new construction and demolitions) for the previous calendar year which assists the DOF in their annual estimates. A record of Newport Beach's population since incorporation can be found on the City's web-site at the following link: <http://www.newportbeachca.gov/population>.

### **Planning Division**

#### ***Barry Eaton Honored***

Former Planning Commissioner Barry Eaton was honored by the Orange Section of the American Planning Association on Wednesday, May 16. At the annual awards ceremony, Mr. Eaton received the Distinguished Leadership award for his post-retirement community volunteer work for the City. The awards jury noted that although Mr. Eaton had a distinguished 35-year career in the public and private sectors, his greatest contributions



*From left to right, Council Member Leslie Daigle; Community Development Director Kimberly Brandt; former Planning Commissioners: Earl McDaniel, Barry Eaton, and Robert Hawkins; and Planning Manager Patrick Alford.*

to planning field came through his service on the Citizen's Environmental Quality Affairs Advisory Committee (EQAC) and the Planning Commission. The awards jury noted his contributions to the Coastal Land Use Plan, which won both the Orange County Section and State APA comprehensive planning awards in 2006 and the General Plan Update, which won Orange County Section, State, and National APA awards in 2007 and 2008. Mr. Eaton received

a standing ovation as he received the award. Several members of his family and former colleagues were present.

### ***Port Theater Update***

The City approved a comprehensive sign program application to allow on-site signage including two non-animated digital marquee signs for the movie theater along the East Coast Highway frontage. A final certificate of occupancy and the submittal of plans for the additional signage are expected in time for the July 2012 grand opening of the theater.

Plans approved for the theater include six alternative seating plans that provide a mix of fixed and adjustable stadium seats or lounge chairs that can be rearranged interchangeably for each event. The theater provides a maximum of 300 seats at the lower level among four tiers and 46 seats on the second level. The new floor plan includes new concessions stands at both levels and an existing platform in front of the theater screen.

### ***Plan Check and Counter Activity***

This week's average for plans submitted is on par with the quarterly average, currently 40 plans per week. Weekly counter activity of 30 per day is also consistent with the quarterly average, with a one day high of 40 on May 7. The increase in counter activity may be attributed to an increase in queries regarding properties for sale.

<b>PLANNING COUNTER ACTIVITY FOR MAY 7 TO MAY 11</b>	
<b>152</b>	Customers Served (Average of 30 per Day)
<b>49</b>	Plans Reviewed at the Counter
<b>31</b>	Plan Checks Approved Over the Counter (40 Plans Submitted for a Total of 78%)

### ***New Applications***

- A minor use permit to allow the establishment of a Type 47 (On-Sale General for Bona Fide Public Eating Place) Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) license for a new to be restaurant located within the new Whole Foods Market in Fashion Island. Alcohol would be served at two dining locations within the store. The requested hours for alcohol service are from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (PA2012-050).
- A minor use permit to allow the establishment of a Type 20 (Off-Sale Beer and Wine) and a Type 42 (On-Sale Beer and Wine for Public Premises) Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) license for Vin Goat, an existing artisan cheese and specialty fine food retail shop located in Corona del Mar. The applicant also requests to hold tastings and/or wine pairing classes after regular business hours between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. (PA2012-051).

### **Code Enforcement Division**

#### ***Six Month Update on Gas Leaf Blower Ban***

Newport Beach Municipal Section 6.04.055, which prohibits the use of gas-powered leaf blowers in all residential districts within the City, went into effect on November 11, 2011. The

Code Enforcement Division, tasked with enforcing the gas-powered leaf blower ban, led a public outreach campaign to notify residents and business owners of the new ordinance. The public education effort appears to have been effective as Code Enforcement officers have issued only a small number of violation notices and administrative citations since the ban went into effect. The following table reflects Code Enforcement activity related to the Gas-Powered Leaf Blower Ban:

SIX MONTH STATUS REPORT	
Phone Calls Received (Questions and Complaints)	283
Cases Initiated	161
Letters Mailed to Property Owners and Landscape Companies	184
Notice of Violations Issued	25
Administrative Citations	5
Verbal Warnings	130

For more information regarding the Gas-powered Leaf Blower Ban including an informational brochure in Spanish and English, please visit the City's web-site at [www.newportbeachca.gov/leafblowers](http://www.newportbeachca.gov/leafblowers). If you would like to report a gas leaf blower, please file a complaint online using the Quest service or by phone at (949) 644-3215.

### **Building Division**

#### ***Building Update***

Over 180 applicants were invited to test for the recruitment of Permit Technician I/II position. The position will serve as a concierge for the department and at the one-stop permitting center at the new Civic Center.



*Newport Center - Pimco project update: The primary crane has been dismantled and replaced by a new crane that will raise and install the exterior panels.*



## FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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May 18, 2012

**TO:** DAVE KIFF, CITY MANAGER

**FROM:** Tracy McCraner, Finance Director/Treasurer

**SUBJECT:** CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

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### **FY 2012-13 PROPOSED BUDGET**

The second public meeting of the FY 2012-13 Proposed Budget will be presented to City Council on Tuesday, May 22, 2012, by City Manager Kiff and Finance Director McCraner. This discussion will focus on the operating departments – changes in programming and personnel, and performance goals for the coming fiscal year. We will also summarize the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) proposed budget (which will be discussed during study session that same day) and will review City Council and City Manager recommendations for the budget checklist.

### **A NOTE OF APPRECIATION FROM OUR EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR – ANTHONY NGUYEN**

It is such a great honor to be selected as the winner of the Dorothy Palen Award! Even though this is an individual award, I view it more as a team award because none of us really performs our duties without support from others. I am extremely grateful to Kurt Brouwer, Shaun Tormey and Raymund Reyes for their hard work and dedication each and every day; the Finance Department staff for their continued support; Tracy McCraner, Susan Giangrande and Dan Matusiewicz for their leadership and guidance; as well as the Municipal Operations Department for always making Purchasing feel at home in the Corporate Yard.

Working in the Purchasing Office is unique in that it allows me to interact with all City departments. This has led to a great sense of understanding and appreciation for the diverse types of services provided by the various departments.

In the truest sense, my function and that of the Purchasing Office in general, is that of departmental support. We may be in charge of securing materials, equipment and services but you are the ones that utilize these resources to maintain the high level of service for which our City is known. Without all of you there is no Purchasing Office and it is with that understanding that I graciously accept the Dorothy Palen Award and express my sincerest gratitude to all my fellow City employees because you give the Purchasing Office purpose.

### **LEADERSHIP TOMORROW PROGRAM**

On Thursday Sean Levin, Dan Matusiewicz and Dave Kiff spoke to the Leadership Tomorrow Class of 2012 addressing various topics in "Leadership in Government." Dan spoke specifically on topics addressing local government finance including the current economy, the demise of Redevelopment Agencies, the State Realignment plans and the current pension crisis. Lt. Jon Lewis was also in attendance as a class participant. It is good to see this nine-month training program is still well attended by a broad spectrum of the community. An excerpt of yesterday's agenda is summarized below.

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Leadership Tomorrow Workshop #9</i>  <b>"Leadership in Government"</b>  Newport Beach Central Library-Friends Meeting Room  1000 Avocado Ave., Newport Beach, CA  Thursday, May 17, 2012</p>	
<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<p><b>Overview of Local Government</b>  Bobby Young, Director of Finance, City of Costa Mesa  Sean Levin, Recreation Superintendent, City of Newport Beach</p>
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<p><b>Legislative Process</b>  Kevin Gilhooley, Field Representative, Senator Tom Harmon's office</p>
<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	<p><b>Government Finance</b>  Dan Matusiewicz, City of Newport Beach Deputy Finance Director</p>
<b>11:00a.m.</b>	<p><b>Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission</b>  Joyce Crosthwaite, Executive Officer and Carolyn Emery, Asst. Executive Officer</p>
<b>1:30 p.m.</b>	<p><b>City Managers Panel</b>  Moderator: Tom Johnson – Newport Independent  Panelists: City of Newport Beach, Dave Kiff  City of Costa Mesa, Tom Hatch  City of Irvine, Sean Joyce</p>

### **BUSINESS LICENSE TAX CERTIFICATE**

Newport Beach Municipal Code 5.04.020 requires a business to obtain a license tax certificate when any business is conducted within the city, even if the business is located outside the city limits or the business has a business license from another city.

The City of Newport Beach Revenue Division is contacted daily with questions about activities of various businesses working within our city. Our goal is to ensure that all businesses (including self-employed individuals and independent contractors) wishing to provide a service or product within our city limits comply with the provisions set forth in the City Municipal Code. This includes vendors, consultants and suppliers that are hired by the City of Newport Beach.

If your department is entering into a contract or is contracting with a business or vendor that enters our city limits, they are required to obtain a Business License Tax Certificate. When completing or submitting a payment authorization please be sure to include the business license account number and the Federal Tax I.D. or Social Security number, whichever is applicable, to ensure prompt payment from Accounts Payable.

Please distribute this information to all personnel authorized to process a payment authorization. The Revenue Division thanks you for your time and effort and if you should need additional information about the requirement of a business license, please contact Revenue at x3141.

### MARCH TREASURY REPORT

The Treasurer's Report provides detailed information on the City's operating and managed investment portfolios; the report for the month ending March 31, 2012, is now available at [www.newportbeachca.gov/treasury](http://www.newportbeachca.gov/treasury).

CITY OF Newport Beach		TREASURER'S REPORT For the Month Ended March 31, 2012									
Portfolios		Amortized Cost	Unrealized Gains/(Loss)	Fair Value	Accrued Interest	Market Value	% Total	YTM @ Cost	YTM @ Market	Notes	
<b>Operating Portfolios</b>											
Short-term Portfolio											
Demand Deposit Accounts		\$ 10,154,738	\$ -	\$ 10,154,738	\$ -	\$ 10,154,738	5.48%	0.57%	0.57%	(1)	
Local Agency Investment Fund		9,578,233	-	9,578,233	-	9,578,233	5.17%	0.38%	0.38%	(2)	
Managed Investment Portfolio (MIP)											
Cash Equivalents		319,910	-	319,910	-	319,910	0.17%	0.01%	0.01%		
Marketable Securities		163,305,073	1,044,473	164,349,546	856,926	165,206,472	89.18%	1.03%	0.53%		
<b>TOTAL OPERATING FUNDS</b>		<b>\$ 183,357,954</b>	<b>\$ 1,044,473</b>	<b>\$ 184,402,427</b>	<b>\$ 856,926</b>	<b>\$ 185,259,353</b>	<b>100.00%</b>				
<b>Bond Fund Portfolios</b>											
2011 Civic Center COPs		\$ 69,455,034	\$ 51,514	\$ 69,506,548	\$ 64,347	\$ 69,570,894	95.30%	0.43%	0.13%		
Assessment Districts		917,440	-	917,440	-	917,440	1.26%	0.01%	0.01%		
Special Improvement Districts		2,512,494	-	2,512,494	-	2,512,494	3.44%	0.01%	0.01%		
<b>TOTAL BOND FUNDS WITH FISCAL AGENT</b>		<b>\$ 72,884,969</b>	<b>\$ 51,514</b>	<b>\$ 72,936,482</b>	<b>\$ 64,347</b>	<b>\$ 73,000,829</b>	<b>100.00%</b>				
<b>TOTAL CASH &amp; INVESTMENTS</b>		<b>\$ 256,242,922</b>	<b>\$ 1,095,987</b>	<b>\$ 257,338,910</b>	<b>\$ 921,272</b>	<b>\$ 258,260,182</b>					

Composition of Operating Portfolio  
March 31, 2012

89% 6% 5% 0%

- Demand Deposit Accounts
- Money Market Funds
- Local Agency Investment Fund
- Cash Equivalents

Composition of Operating Portfolio  
Feb. 29, 2012

87% 6% 5% 2%

- Demand Deposit Accounts
- Money Market Funds
- Local Agency Investment Fund
- Cash Equivalents

Notes:

(1) Yield offsets bank fees

(2) LAIF Yield is available Quarterly

### SECOND WEDNESDAY TRAINING REMINDER

June 13, 2012  
8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.  
Council Chambers  
Grant Administration





**Newport Beach Fire Department  
Office of the Fire Chief**

DATE: May 18, 2012  
TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager  
FROM: Scott Poster, Fire Chief  
SUBJECT: **CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER**

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**Vegetation Fire- Newport Coast**

On Wednesday, May 16, the fire department responded to a 911 call of a vegetation fire off of the 73 freeway behind Sage Hill High School. Firefighters quickly responded and aggressively extinguished the vegetation fire. The fire covered approximately a 50 foot by 50 foot area. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

**CERT Communicators Radio Class**

On Thursday, May 3, the fire department held a radio class for all CERT Communicators at fire station #7. Currently, there are over 90 CERT Communicators who are FCC licensed HAM radio operators throughout Newport Beach. The class was taught by members of the Newport Beach Police Department Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES) volunteers. 27 CERT Communicators participated in the class. The class covered techniques on how to properly program and troubleshoot your radio, "net" protocol, and proper radio etiquette. In conjunction with the NBPD RACES volunteer group, CERT Communicators participate in a Monday night "net" every Monday night at 7:00 pm to review their call-in procedures and to practice.





### **CERT Mutual Aid Class**

On Tuesday, May 8, and Thursday, May 10, the fire department held an Advanced CERT Mutual Aid class that was open to all active Newport Beach CERT volunteers.



Newport Beach CERT is part of the Orange County CERT Mutual Aid Program (CMAP), a group of 24 Orange County CERT programs that work together to best utilize CERT volunteers following unexpected disasters and in times of need. The 6-hour Mutual Aid class is taught in all 24 Orange County CERT programs and covers what CERT volunteers should expect and how they should come prepared if they are called to respond to assist in another jurisdiction. 25 Newport Beach CERT volunteers participated in the two-day class.

### **Neighborhood Disaster Preparedness Presentations**

On Tuesday, May 15, the fire department presented a Neighborhood Disaster Preparedness presentation at the annual meeting of the Broadmoor Hills Home Owner's Association. Prior to the presentation, the Broadmoor Hills CERT team met to discuss and finalize their annual CERT drill to be held on Saturday, May 19. Broadmoor Hills HOA, along with Granville HOA, were selected as the co-Neighborhoods of the Year in 2011 for their success in organizing both neighborhoods for unexpected disasters.

The fire department also held a complete Neighborhood Disaster Preparedness class for the Lido Peninsula Resort Home Owner's Association. Over 40 residents participated in the class and covered potential disasters that might impact Newport Beach, how the City is prepared to respond, and what residents can do to prepare.

### **Annual Hazard Reduction Program**

Over the past two weeks, the fire department began its annual Hazard Reduction program. This annual program addresses vegetation clearing in Special Fire Protection Areas. These areas directly abut wildland space; therefore, property owners are required to maintain a defensible space to protect structures in these areas. Pre-inspection notices were sent to 171 property owners in Buck Gully advising that after June 1, 2012, the property will be inspected for compliance with the City's Guideline for Hazard Reduction Zones. The properties found to be non-compliant with the City guideline will be issued a Notice of Non-Compliance. Re-inspections are conducted on an on-going basis until all properties are compliant with the City's Guideline for Hazard Reduction Zones.

## **Firefighter Swim Test**



On Wednesday, May 16, 181 potential firefighters attempted the swim portion of the firefighter testing process held at the Newport Pier. The test required applicants to swim approximately 200 yards. The swim test is required because of our city's geography and proximity to so many waterways.

The next portion of the test will be the "Biddle test" which is a timed test of various skills that firefighters use on a daily basis.

The test is very strenuous, but relative to the job of firefighter. Those that finished with a passing time will move on to the next phase of the testing process -- the oral interview.



## **Annual Weed and Other Nuisances Abatement**

Over the past several weeks, the fire department also started its annual weed and other nuisance abatement program. This annual program reviews the condition of 120 private properties in the City of Newport Beach. Engine companies are currently inspecting these properties to ensure compliance with the Fire and Municipal Code. They will report their findings to Fire Prevention by May 18, 2012. Properties not in compliance will be sent notices. Re-inspections are conducted on an on-going basis until all properties are compliant.

## **Wildland Urban Interface - Fuel Modification Zones**

The Newport Beach Municipal Code requires a bi-annual maintenance of the Fuel Modification Zones in Newport Coast. Last week, courtesy notices were mailed to 25 homeowner associations advising that the Spring maintenance cycle shall be completed by May 31, 2012. Newport Beach Fire Department staff will be conducting inspections for compliance status starting June 1, 2012.



# **CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH**

## **HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER**

DATE: May 18, 2012

TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager

FROM: Lauren Farley, Acting Human Resources Director

SUBJECT: News from HR and Risk Management

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### **Property Insurance Appraisals**

This week, appraisals were completed for City structures with an estimated value over \$5 Million and a select few between the \$1 and \$5 Million range as part of the City's Property Insurance Renewal process.

Jill Camille Ortiz, HR Specialist II, accompanied Certified General Appraiser, Kim White with Alliant Insurance Services, to assess basic structural building materials and square footage. Overall, 19 sites were visited including: Big Canyon Reservoir/Pacific View Structure, Oasis Senior Center, Newport and Balboa Piers, Central and Mariner's Libraries, and the Police Department. Alliant will ensure that the City's property schedule is up to date and appropriate levels of coverage are procured.

### **Benefits Information Committee (BIC) Meeting**

Members of the Benefits Information Committee (BIC) met on May 10 to discuss the health insurance plan renewal for 2013. The BIC is comprised of representatives from each employee association and was established to allow the City to present data regarding carrier and coverage options, rates and other health programs. BIC representatives present the information to their respective associations and receive input regarding preferred options and levels of coverage.

Representatives from Aon Hewitt presented information including a review of the CalPERS and City Blue Cross medical plans for 2012, a health care reform update and an overall summary of health care trends in the marketplace. Members will meet again in July to review plans and premium rates for 2013. In addition, Human Resources announced that the Deferred Compensation Committee is in the final stages of selecting an administrator for the 457 plan. A decision will be announced soon.

The 2013 Open Enrollment period will be announced this summer.

## **Health and Wellness: Eat Healthy**

We all know eating right is good for our health. A healthy diet will keep your body strong and active. By eating healthy foods, you can prevent many adverse health conditions such as:

- Heart disease
- Bone loss
- Type 2 diabetes
- High blood pressure
- Some cancers, such as colorectal cancer

**What to eat:** Vegetables, fruits, whole grains, and fat-free or low-fat milk products, seafood, poultry, lean meats, eggs, beans, and nuts

**What to avoid:** Cholesterol, sodium (salt), and added sugars, *Trans* fats and saturated fats

### ***TAKE ACTION!***

***Keep a food journal!*** Write down when, what, and how much you are eating.

***Plan Ahead!*** Plan your meals for the day or week. Doing this can save you time and money. It's also easier to prepare healthier meals if it's planned out ahead of time.

***Shop Smart!*** Do not go into the grocery store on an empty stomach and always use a shopping list. Choose fat-free or low-fat options whenever possible.

For more information and tips on eating healthy visit [www.Healthfinder.gov](http://www.Healthfinder.gov).





## LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### Library – Cultural Arts



May 18, 2012

**To:** Dave Kiff, City Manager

**From:** Cynthia Cowell, Library Services Director

**Subject:** City Manager's Newsletter

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### **Library Services**

#### **What's Cooking Wraps it Up for the Season**

One of our favorite chefs, Zov Karamardian, hosted the final What's Cooking at the Library for the 2012 season. Chef Zov treated What's Cooking guests to some of her Mediterranean specialties including a fantastic barley salad with fresh herbs and vegetables, a fire-roasted eggplant salad with avocado, tomato and cilantro and pureed white bean dip with yogurt dill and pita wedges.



#### **3D Blu-Rays for Balboa**

The Balboa Branch will start circulating 3D Blu-ray films this week thanks to a generous donation from the NBPL Foundation. Customers must have a 3D TV, 3D Blu-ray player, and 3D glasses to watch the 3D versions of these films. The 3D Blu-Ray films will check out for 7 days, unless they are categorized as 1-day rentals.

#### **So Sweet!**

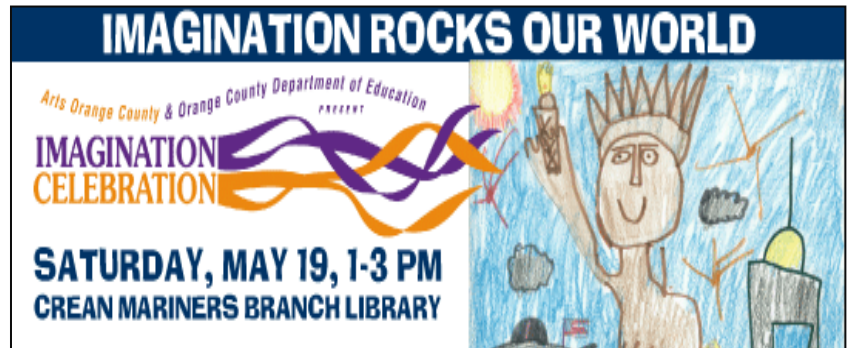
A highlight for our young customers last week was the Strawberry Shortcake Soiree with fun crafts and sweet treats for the 50 or so children who packed the party. The creative Children's Services team of Mona Kobersy, Bernadette Gilliam and Claire Crawford decked the room out in red and pink decorations and led the group in games and craft activities. The children (and their parents) decorated colorful aprons and indulged in strawberry cupcakes topped with whipped cream and their own decorative sprinkle designs. A happy crowd left with lots of accolades going to the library staff for hosting such a "fancy," "cute," "adorable," "well done program". Many commented on how lucky they are to have such a wonderful library and programs. All of our children's events are funded by the Friends of the Library, and we are lucky to have such great support!



## **Cultural Arts Services**

### **Imagination Celebration (Rocks our World)**

The 'Searching for Democracy' (SFD) program is ongoing throughout 2012 with a series of programs associated with the theme, and leading up to the Presidential elections in November. We launched SFD in April, and hosted an author-in-conversation event that month. Additionally, there is a display of the Declaration of Independence, Bill of Rights and Articles of Confederation on display on the second floor of the Central Library.



This month, the theme of democracy will be highlighted for children at Imagination Celebration. All little artists, scribes and scribblers are invited to attend a collage-making event on Saturday, May 19 from 1:00 – 3:00pm at the Crean Mariners Branch Library. This fun-filled annual event encourages families to be creative together and enjoy the arts. The library is hoping to capture some of these collages photographically, so that they might be used concurrently in an exhibition with excerpts from literacy students “on being an American.”

### **“Stories from an Undeclared War” Film Screening**



On Tuesday, May 22, the Newport Beach Public Library, along with the Newport Beach Film Festival will screen “Stories from an Undeclared War”.

This feature-length documentary is about 150 at-risk students from Long Beach, California, who encouraged by their teacher, Erin Gruwell, and inspired by the writings of teen authors, including Anne Frank, discovered a new way to express themselves and began to care more about history, humanity, and perhaps most importantly, their futures.

The film screening will be followed by a Q&A with Erin Gruwell, author of *The Freedom Writers Diary: How a Teacher and 150 Teens Used Writing to Change Themselves and the World Around Them*. Ms. Gruwell will be available to sign copies of her book following the film as well. Admission is free and seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis, limited by room capacity.

### **Library Staff Visit to Mark Hilbert’s Art Collection**

Arts Commissioner Arlene Greer made arrangements for staff to view the art collection of local resident, Mark Hilbert. Mr. Hilbert has amassed an incredible collection of early to mid-century artworks by well-known artists depicting scenes of California (including Newport Beach) from various points and scenic views. He is interested in loaning some of these works to the City or library for display in 2013.





## MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

May 18, 2012

**TO:** Dave Kiff, City Manager

**FROM:** Mark Harmon, Municipal Operations Director

**SUBJECT:** City Manager's Newsletter

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### **Remotely-Operated Tide Valve**

On Wednesday, Operations Support staff and the SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) crew worked together to install the City's first remotely-operated tide valve. With the installation of a radio communications pole for wireless operation, control box, and necessary equipment, the 36" tide valve at 44<sup>th</sup> Street and River Avenue can be controlled and monitored remotely through the existing SCADA system using a laptop computer.

Wonderware, a real-time operation management software, allows operators to remotely view and control the position of the tide valve. The Operations Support Division is responsible for monitoring the 78 tide valves that keep water from entering streets and homes during high tide events.



This successful trial provides many opportunities for operation and monitoring tide valves offsite with minimal labor hours. As Capital Improvement Projects for the tide valve system are designed, we will work with Public Works to provide for remote operation of valves. Job well done to the SCADA and Operations Support teams!

### **Reinstallation of Inlet Guards**

The Storm Drain Maintenance Crew is in the process of reinstalling 435 inlet guards in front of catch basins throughout the City before Memorial Day. The inlet guards have proven to be one of the best structural improvements in our effort to keep trash and other debris from entering into our storm drains, harbor and ocean waters. The program, which was implemented ten years ago, is used in areas of high profile pedestrian traffic, such as Balboa Island, Balboa Boulevard, and portions of Coast Highway.





## **MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT**

### **Spring Has Sprung and Summer Is Almost Here**

Department crews have started the annual spring and summer preparations as we anticipate the usual large crowds of visitors to area beaches and beachfront shops. Preparation activities included:

- Pulling forward lifeguard towers
- Digging trenches for phone lines
- Removing winter wind fencing
- Pushing back wind-blown sand
- Grooming and detailing oceanfront beaches

On Monday April 30<sup>th</sup>, the Beach Maintenance Crew switched to the summer work schedule with a start time of 5:00 AM, to ensure a safe work environment while providing increased maintenance coverage. In addition, high profile commercial districts will also receive increased maintenance attention. These maintenance schedules will remain in effect until after the Labor Day weekend.

### **M&R Crew to the Rescue**

On Thursday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, water was shut off on Polaris Drive between Evening Star Lane and Galaxy Drive for necessary repairs to a 6" hydrant valve and a main line distribution valve.



Recently, the M&R Crew raised a 3" meter and two 3" valves from a damaged 1968 concrete vault located at 1211 Rutland Road. The Mariners Square apartment homes were given notice of the work, which included shutting off water service temporarily to their apartments. The project was completed in four hours, and full water service was restored.





## NEWPORT BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

May 18, 2012

**TO:** Dave Kiff, City Manager

**FROM:** Jay R. Johnson, Chief of Police

**SUBJECT: NEWSLETTER**

### **Police Department and Security Directors Form Partnership**

On May 8, several members of the Police Department met with various security directors throughout the Community with plans to form an association that would meet on a bimonthly basis. The mission of the group will be to provide a platform to exchange information, provide training, and increase coordination and cooperation between safety professionals. Deputy Chief David McGill is spearheading the group, along with Lieutenants Evan Sailor and Tom Fischbacher. Representatives from the Island Hotel, Pacific Life, Universal Protection Services, Bank of America, and the Irvine Company attended the meeting and have committed to moving forward in this partnership.

### **Employee Recognition and Service Award Luncheon**



Pictured left to right ~ Council Member Mike Henn, Sean Levin, Laura Detweiler, Chief Jay Johnson, Sara Boulton, Matt Lohr, Kerran Lakin, and Kyle Rowen.

On May 15, the City hosted the annual Employee Recognition and Service Award Luncheon at Bonita Creek Sports Park. Several Department employees were recognized for “Years of Service” awards. In addition, five outstanding employees of various City Departments were honored with nominations for the 2011 Dorothy Palen – Employee of the Year Award. Police Department Sergeant Lloyd Whisenant was a nominee. Anthony Nguyen, Senior Buyer, Finance Department, was named the winner. Nominees are evaluated on

initiative, integrity, dependability, judgment, and cooperation.

The Police Department joined the City Manager’s Office, the Recreation Department, the Office of the City Attorney, and the City Council in receiving the Team Building Award. This group was selected to receive the award for creating the 4<sup>th</sup> of July “Families’ Parade” in tandem with the development of the Loud and Unruly Gathering Ordinance. Together they helped establish a more peaceful and controlled environment during this holiday.



## **Notable Arrest**



On May 9, Officer Randy Parker stopped a vehicle for a minor traffic violation in the area of Tustin Ave. and 17<sup>th</sup> Street. The vehicle was occupied by a female driver and male passenger. While briefly interviewing the female driver, the male passenger fled on foot. Officer Parker pursued the male, losing sight of him in a business area.

With the assistance of the Costa Mesa Police Department and the Orange County Sheriff's Department Air Support Unit, the suspect was located approximately 45 minutes later in a house in the 300 block of Rochester Drive in Costa Mesa. Police Service Dog, Jardo, was deployed after the suspect refused to voluntarily exit the closet where he was hiding. The suspect was taken into custody and booked for outstanding felony warrants and obstructing a police officer; the female driver was arrested for possession of narcotic paraphernalia. This incident is a great example of teamwork, both from our personnel, as well as our neighboring law enforcement partners.

## **Explorer Competition**



On May 5, Police Explorers attended the first annual Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Explorer Competition. The two-day competition, held in Castaic at the Pitchess Detention Facility, was attended by Explorers from the Southern California area. Due to the OC Marathon falling on Sunday, the Explorers could only participate in six of the events on Saturday. The

competition consisted of a variety of scenarios, such as felony car stops, hostage rescue, and active shooter. They excelled in the competition, even though several of the participating Explorers had never competed in an Explorer competition.

Our Explorers placed second in active shooter, Hogan's alley, marijuana field raid, and the five-person hostage rescue. The Explorers who participated were Giovanni Almaraz, Sarah Garvey, Haley Scott, Nick Bunin, Juan Negrete, Gabriel Gallegos, Tony Gallegos, Jack Ahearn, Elysse Anderson, and Daniel Pichardo.

# PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

## City Manager's Newsletter

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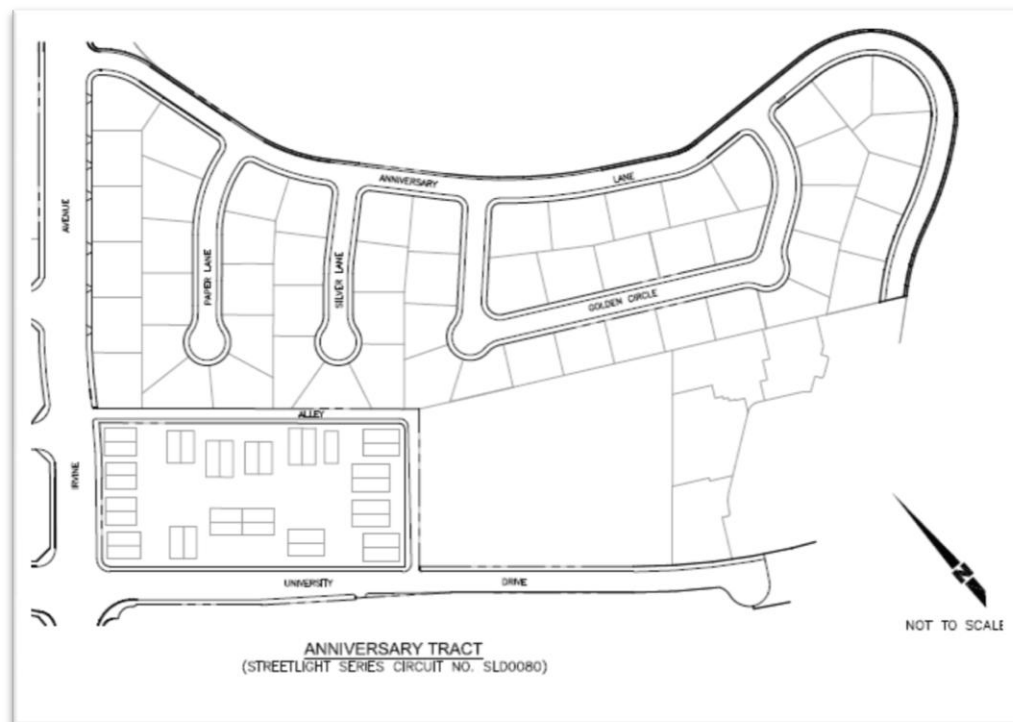


To: David A. Kiff, City Manager  
From: Stephen G. Badum, Public Works Director  
Date: May 18, 2012

### **2011-2012 Streetlight Improvement Project**

As part of the 2011-2012 Streetlight Improvement Project, new LED streetlights will be installed in the Anniversary Tract. LEDs are the newest energy saving streetlight technology and are designed to save 30 to 50 percent of energy consumption compared to the existing streetlights currently used in the community. Residents will find the newly installed streetlights provide better light distribution with less light intrusion onto their properties, while providing updated aesthetics to their community.

Project construction will begin on May 20, 2012, and the anticipated completion is July 2012. For questions about the project, contact the project manager Peter Tauscher at 949-644-3316 or the project inspector Frank Martin at 949-270-8132.





**To: Dave Kiff, City Manager**

**From: Laura Detweiler, Recreation & Senior Services Director**

**Date: May 18, 2012**



### **LOOKING AT 2012**

Spring is the high season for tidepool tours with thousands of children from throughout Southern California coming to learn about the biological significance of the inner tidal rocks and the responsibility that we all share for water quality. The following email was received for staff member Ginny Gregurek and a happy customer wanting to schedule again for 2013!

**From:** Tandi Filpi  
**Sent:** Friday, May 11, 2012 3:50 PM  
**To:** Marine Education  
**Subject:** Re: Looking at 2012 (ugh!)

Pease give our thanks to "Ginny." We had a wonderful day yesterday, despite the lack of sun. Please let me know when you have your calendar for next year available so that I can begin to look at low tide days for this time next year. Again, we had a wonderful time and are looking forward to the "Traveling Touch Tank!"

Tandi Filpi  
Cross Point Children's Center

### **OASIS HAPPENINGS**

- Swingin' Concert at OASIS - Pete Jacobs' Wartime Radio Revue 16 piece swing band performed May 16 with over 200 seniors toe-tapping to the music and the upbeat harmonies of the three talented "Andrews Sisters" style singers. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> time this fabulous band has entertained the seniors at OASIS, and with rave reviews every year, it won't be their last!
- Ragtime Concert at OASIS - On June 6, pianist Jeffrey Briar will dazzle the OASIS seniors with a free piano concert featuring fun-filled music by ragtime greats such as Scott Joplin, "Jelly Roll" Morton, and W. C. Handy. Contract Instructor Jeffrey Briar also teaches Laughter Yoga classes at OASIS in the evenings. During his free piano concert, he will demonstrate his Laughter Yoga classes so seniors can witness firsthand the benefits of this therapeutic and gentle way to exercise their body and spirit.
- Preparing for the Loss of a Spouse - On June 13 & 27 attorney Bradley Erdosi and financial planner Jon will present "Preparing for the Loss of a Spouse." This seminar will provide valuable information regarding; planning in advance, top ten things to do when the loss occurs, protecting yourself and finding the right help. This may be a topic that most couples wish to avoid but it is essential to have ones affairs in order and this program will help our seniors start the thought process.







## **NEWPORT HARBOR LAWN BOWLING CLUB – OPEN HOUSE**

The Newport Harbor Lawn Bowling Club's (NHLBC) annual Open House was a huge success! They had a record attendance of 250 participants and signed up 60 new members. The goal was to inform residents of the lawn bowling club's programs and membership. This annual event helps the club increase its membership and continue to lower the average age of members. During the day, they served 45 pizzas, hundreds of drinks and gave lessons to almost everyone who attended.

The lawn bowling facility is City owned and leased back to the NHLBC. The City is responsible for the exterior of the building, while the NHLBC maintains the inside of the building and the grounds surrounding the building. The City has worked closely with NHLBC to grow membership and diversify the age of participants over the past five years. .



## ***Quote of the Day***

*In the business world, the rearview mirror is always clearer than the windshield.*

***...Warren Buffett***

<b><u>Upcoming Events</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Responsible Staff</u></b>	<b><u>Phone</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
NTAC production – <i>Crown Matrimonial</i>	3/30-4/29	7:30pm	NTAC	631-0288	Newport Theatre Arts Ctr
NTAC production – <i>The Boy Friend</i>	6/1-7/1	7:30pm	NTAC	631-0288	Newport Theatre Arts Ctr
CdM 5K	6/2	7am	J Cates	644-3154	CdM Ocean Blvd
Summer Camps Begin	6/25	7am	J Harmon/R Valdez	644-3151	All over the City

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